KENT A. "BO" COTTRELL

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES $Tuesday,\ April\ 3,\ 2001$

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, today I want to tell you about a great American who resides in Colorado's 6th Congressional District. Mr. Kent A. "Bo" Cottrell has one of the most diverse and unique histories of any individual that I can think of. He has been, and still is, a fine musician, he has been a police officer, a fund raiser for charities, he has run for elected office and has been elected for multiple terms as the chairman of the Arapahoe County Grand Old Party. Bo has worked for the governor of our great State in a wide variety of positions and ultimately came to rest as part of a unique business venture.

He attended Indiana State University and was promptly drafted to serve his country in 1963 where he served in Europe with the Military Police for two years. Bo went on to serve in the Jefferson County sheriffs office as an investigator in the late 1960s and worked in law enforcement for six years. During that time, he formed and wrote for a musical group known then and now as "The Lawmen," made up of law officers. They toured and even has a hit single called "Darn Good Country" in the DC area which was so popular that the group went to the White House for a visit with President Nixon.

In 1970, a leading local paper in Jefferson County named Bo Cottrell as their pick for the "Man of the Year." His connections in the entertainment industry were leveraged to help Easter Seals in their battle to raise funding and awareness of childrens' health issues and eventually vaulted him to the Board of Directors for the Make A Wish Foundation where he served as its special events director. He worked together with prominent members of the business and entertainment community to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for charity. He formed Kops and Kids, the Easter Seals Golf Tournament, the Make A Wish Golf Tournament and always strives to better the communities around him.

Due to all of his charitable efforts, in 1990, Bo was presented the "Point of Light" Award by President Bush, Sr., in a White House presentation. In 1996 he was a candidate to the Colorado State House in Arapahoe County and, although he did not prevail, he was soon elected to the position of Chairman to the Arapahoe County Grand Old Party from 1997 until 2001.

Another one of my consitutents, Colorado Governor Bill Owens, selected Bo to become a representative on the Parole Board where he presided as Chairman. Bo was soon asked to work with the Colorado Office of Economic Development. In a true expression of his belief in the free-market, Bo gathered his experience dealing with people, both parolees and members of the business community, and began a new and unique business venture. He is now the marketing director of Pure Colorado, a company that bottles our wonderful, and very clean, Rocky Mountain Spring water, and packages it in a unique and innovative way for distribution nationwide.

Bo Cottrell's travels from Military Police officer, to musician, to Marketing Director are diverse and amazing examples in pursuit of the American Dream. He was a compassionate conservative before anyone had even heard of such a thing, he is a great individual and I consider him a good friend.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to join the Arapahoe County GOP in extending my appreciation to the kindness and good deeds of Mr. Bo Cottrell.

FORTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF TUNISIAN INDEPENDENCE

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Tuesday, April 3, 2001

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the anniversary of the 45th year of independence for the Republic of Tunisia. It was 45 years ago that the Republic of Tunisia was formally established as an independent country. Over the years, Tunisia has forged a strong and solid relationship with the United States that spans beyond bilateral ties to cover issues related to world peace and economic partnership.

The U.S. relationship with Tunisia has survived civil, regional and global conflict. During World War II, Tunisia supported the United States and allied forces as they landed in Northern Africa. During the cold war years, Tunisia established itself as a steadfast ally in the strategically important Mediterranean Sea. As we moved into the post-cold-war years, the Republic of Tunisia has remained a friend and ally of the U.S. and taken steps to develop closer military and economic ties with European allies and NATO.

Today, the Republic of Tunisia continues to make important progress toward democracy by broadening political debate, advancing social programs, developing economic programs encouraging privatization of the banking and financial sectors, and improving the quality of life for its people. Tunisian citizens enjoy universal suffrage, and the nation is considered to be a leader among Muslim nations in safeguarding the rights of women and children. Further, Tunisia has acted as leader and catalyst for peacekeeping missions in suffering countries, contributing military contingents to operations in Cambodia, Somalia, the Western Sahara and Rwanda. Tunisia has also been a voice of moderation in the Arab-Israeli peace process and has called for greater international efforts to fight terrorism.

Tunisia has been a model for developing countries. It has sustained remarkable economic growth, and undertaken reforms toward political pluralism. It has been a steadfast ally of the United States and has consistently fought for democratic goals and ideals.

In commemoration of 45 years of independence for Tunisia, I urge my colleagues to reflect on our strong commitment to Tunisian people, our friends and partners in North Africa.

HONORING ROBERT F. DOLAN, JR.

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 3, 2001

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate Robert F. Dolan, a life-

long resident of Montgomery County, Maryland and the Head Golf Professional at Columbia Country Club in Chevy Chase, Maryland. On November 10, 2000, he was named the 2000 PGA of American Junior Golf Leader, one of the organization's highest service awards.

Mr. Dolan is a longtime advocate of junior golf and a co-founder of several inner-city youth golf programs. He has always viewed golf as a vehicle for teaching young people the values of discipline, determination, honesty, patience, and good sportsmanship.

The award was given for Mr. Dolan's ongoing work with our nation's youth. Through this dedication, he provides opportunities and experiences for children of all ages and abilities to learn, to play, and to enjoy the game of golf. Mr. Dolan is distinguished by his strength of character, his devotion to service, and his outstanding leadership in junior golf.

Bob's devotion to junior golf programs is reflected in his long history of service. He has worked for many years with the Paul Berry Neediest Kids Get Hooked on Golf Program as an advisory board member, organizer, promoter, and instructor. Since 1996, Bob has been involved as a "Coach the Coaches" instructor, a program he created to work with Washington, D.C. public school coaches on the proper techniques for teaching golf. He has been the Kemper Open Junior Golf Clinic lead instructor since 1991. Bob is also cofounder and instructor for the "Summer in the City" inner-city youth golf program, a fourweek instructional program for the youth of Washington, D.C. Bob also serves on the advisory board of the Washington, D.C. First Tee program

Perhaps his most rewarding contribution, however, is his role as lead instructor at the Special Love/Camp Fantastic Junior Golf Clinic. This is a one-day clinic for children who suffer from cancer, with the golf clinic being the highlight of their retreat weekend.

I congratulate Mr. Robert F. Dolan on this award and his ongoing contributions to junior golf in Montgomery County and the nation. He is a wonderful role model for junior golfers and a true ambassador for the game of golf.

TRIBUTE TO REAR ADMIRAL JAMES CUTLER DAWSON, JR.

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES $Tuesday,\ April\ 3,\ 2001$

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to congratulate and pay tribute to Rear Admiral James Cutler Dawson, Jr., who performed in an outstanding manner as Chief of Legislative Affairs from October 1999 to March 2001.

Rear Admiral Dawson did a fine job during his time in Legislative Affairs. Under his leadership, numerous events and actions surrounding the Navy were expertly managed including ship commissioning, christening, and naming ceremonies; Congressional travel; and official receptions on Capitol Hill. During his tenure, Rear Admiral Dawson also played a key role in working with the Secretary of the Navy and the Chief of Naval Operations to positively affect the future size, readiness, and capabilities of the Navy.